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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Masayoshi MIURA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2616  
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Serial No.: 09/830,222 ) Examiner: J. Fletcher  
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Filed: June 15, 2001 )  
) Confirmation No.: 3195  
For: INFORMATION RETRIEVING/  
PROCESSING METHOD, )  
RETRIEVING/PROCESSING )  
DEVICE, STORING METHOD )  
AND STORING DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated November 1, 2005, the period for response to which extends through December 1, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Species I (Fig. 1), characterized by the Examiner as corresponding to claims 1-36, and Species II (Fig. 16), characterized by the Examiner as corresponding to claims 37-47. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I. Claims 1-36 are readable thereon.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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